

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (*Canceled*)

2. (*Currently Amended*) A method of preparing and fulfilling a medication prescription comprising the steps of:

- A. providing a patient with a personal memory card (PMC) having a stored memory, wherein said stored memory includes at least the patient's personal information, consulting physician information, and a plurality of preferred pharmacy information;
- B. reading said stored memory into a first PMC reader/writer from said PMC and viewably presenting said stored memory on a personal digital assistant (PDA);
- C. modifying said stored memory of said PMC by a physician via entry on said PDA to include a new medication prescription to form an updated stored memory ~~in conjunction with a physical examination of the patient by the physician;~~
- D. reading said updated stored memory of said PMC via a second PMC reader into ~~[[to]]~~ an office computer of the physician, said office computer programmed to electronically transfer said updated stored memory to a central host server;
- E. transferring said updated stored memory to the host server ~~via the Internet;~~
- F. transmitting a prescription fulfillment request electronically by said host server for the new medication prescription contained within said updated stored memory to ~~[[the]]~~ a first preferred pharmacy, wherein said first preferred

pharmacy is selected from the plurality of preferred pharmacy information in said stored memory, said host server configured for electronically transmitting said request; and

G. receiving a prescription fulfillment confirmation electronically from the first preferred pharmacy ~~advising that the new medication prescription has been fulfilled.~~

3. (*Currently Amended*) A system for preparing and fulfilling a patient's prescription comprising:

a personal memory card (PMC) having a stored memory;

data stored on the stored memory, said data including the patient's personal information, consulting physician information, and a plurality of preferred pharmacy information;

a first PMC reader/writer connected to a personal digital assistant (PDA) and programmed to receive and viewably display said data on said PDA, said data being modified by the physician via corresponding entry on said PDA to include a new medication prescription to form an updated data; and

a second PMC reader/writer connected to the physician's office computer and programmed to receive and store said updated data and to transfer said updated data to a remotely located central host server;

wherein said host server is programmed to receive and store said updated data and to thereafter transmit a prescription fulfillment request for the new medication prescription to ~~[[the]]~~ a first preferred pharmacy, wherein the first preferred pharmacy is selected from the plurality of preferred pharmacy information, and wherein said host server is programmed to ~~[[then]]~~ receive a

prescription fulfillment confirmation ~~[[back]]~~ from the first preferred pharmacy
~~when the new medication prescription is fulfilled.~~

4. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 7 wherein:

said PMC is programmed to also include insurer information;

said host server is programmed to also electronically transfer insurance
information to ~~the patient's~~ an insurer of the patient.

5. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

H. electronically transmitting information regarding the examination and the
new medication prescription to ~~the patient's~~ an insurer of the patient.

6. (*Previously Amended*) The system of claim 3 wherein:

said stored memory of said PMC also including the patient's insurer
information;

said host server also programmed to electronically transfer insurance
information to an insurer designated in said updated stored memory.

7. (*Currently Amended*) A system for preparing and fulfilling a patient's
prescription for medication comprising:

a personal memory card (PMC);

data including the patient's personal information, consulting physician information, and a plurality of preferred pharmacy information, wherein said data is stored on the PMC;

a personal digital assistant (PDA);

a first PMC reader connected to said PDA, said first PMC reader programmed to read said PMC and programmed to allow the physician to add a new medication prescription to said data stored on the PMC;

an office computer;

a central host server; and

a second PMC reader connected to said office computer, said second PMC reader programmed to receive and read said PMC and electronically transfer the new medication prescription and the plurality of preferred pharmacy information to said office computer, said office computer programmed to electronically transfer the new medication prescription and [[the]] a first preferred pharmacy to said host server, wherein said first preferred pharmacy is selected from the plurality of preferred pharmacy information;

said host server programmed to receive the new medication prescription and the first preferred pharmacy from the office computer, and to electronically transmit a prescription fulfillment request to the first preferred pharmacy.

8. (New) A system for preparing and fulfilling a patient's prescription for medication comprising:

a personal memory card (PMC);

data stored on the PMC, wherein said data includes the patient's personal information, consulting physician information, and a plurality of preferred pharmacy information;

a personal digital assistant (PDA);

a first PMC reader connected to said PDA, said first PMC reader programmed to read said PMC and programmed to allow the physician to add a new medication prescription to said data stored on the PMC;

an office computer; and

a second PMC reader connected to said office computer, said second PMC reader programmed to receive and read said PMC and electronically transfer the new medication prescription and the plurality of preferred pharmacy information to said office computer;

wherein said office computer is programmed to electronically transmit a prescription fulfillment request to a first preferred pharmacy, wherein said first preferred pharmacy is selected from the plurality of preferred pharmacy information, and said office computer is programmed to receive a prescription fulfillment confirmation or denial from the first preferred pharmacy.

9. (*New*) A method comprising:

- A. storing data on a personal memory card (PMC), wherein said data includes a patient's personal information, a consulting physician's information, and a list of preferred pharmacies;
- B. inserting said PMC into a first PMC reader/writer;
- C. modifying said stored data to further include a medical prescription;

- D. withdrawing said PMC from the first PMC reader/writer;
- E. inserting said PMC card into a second PMC reader/writer, wherein said second PMC reader/writer is coupled to a computer system, said computer system having a transmitter to deliver a prescription request to a pharmacy;
- F. transmitting a prescription fulfillment request to a first pharmacy, wherein the first pharmacy is selected from the list of preferred pharmacies stored on the PMC;
- G. receiving a prescription fulfillment confirmation or denial from the first pharmacy; and
- H. withdrawing the PMC from the second PMC reader/writer.

10. (*New*) The method of claim 9, wherein if in step G a prescription fulfillment denial is received, then the method further comprises:

- I. transmitting a prescription fulfillment request to a second pharmacy, wherein the second pharmacy is selected from the list of preferred pharmacies stored on the PMC; and
- J. receiving a prescription fulfillment confirmation or denial from the second pharmacy.